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PROPOSED FINAL AGENDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2002
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Best Western Cottontree Inn
&
Conference Center**
2300 Market Street
Mount Vernon, WA

EMERGENCY MESSAGE PHONE DURING THE MEETING: (360) 701-2398

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- PLEASE NOTE: Times below are estimates only. The Board reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda. For information regarding testimony, handouts, other questions or for people needing special accommodation, please contact Desiree Day Robinson at the Board office at (360) 236-4110 by September 4, 2002. This meeting site is barrier free.

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Introduction of New Board Members
Moment of Recognition for September 11, 2001
Election of Vice-Chair

- 9:40 a.m.** 1. **Approval of Agenda—Action**
 2. **June Minutes—Adoption**
- 9:45 a.m.** 3. **Welcome – “Skagit Valley Activity Coalition”**
 ▪ Peter Browning, Skagit County Department of Health Director
- 10:15 a.m.** 4. **CR-102 Hearing – Vital Statistics Chapter 246-491 WAC**
 ▪ Vickie Ybarra, WSBOH Member
 ▪ Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director
 - **Public Hearing for Adoption (Public Testimony will be Taken)**
 - **Possible Action**
- 10:30 a.m.** 5. **CR-102 Hearing – Emergency Powers Chapters 246-100 & 246-101 WAC**
 ▪ Thomas Locke, WSBOH Member
 ▪ Craig McLaughlin, WSBOH Staff
 - **Public Hearing for Adoption (Public Testimony will be Taken)**
 - **Possible Action**
- 11:45 a.m.** 6. **SBOH Staff Announcements and Other Board Business**
 ▪ Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director
- 11:55 a.m.** 7. **Proposed Policy on Memberships in Partnership Organizations**
 ▪ Don Sloma, WSBOH Executive Director
 - **Possible Action**
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
12:45 p.m. **Tour - Communities of Edison and Blanchard: Separate Community Solutions to On-Site Sewage Disposal**
- 2:00 p.m.** 8. **Briefing on Agency Medical Directors’ Report to Governor’s Subcabinet on Health**
 ▪ Gary Franklin, Department of Labor & Industries, Medical Director
- 2:25 p.m.** 9. **Update on Premera Conversion**
 ▪ Bill Daley, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner for Policy
- 2:50 p.m.** 10. **Department of Health Update**
 ▪ Maxine Hayes, State Health Officer
- 3:00 p.m.** 11. **Promoting Best Practices at Local Health Departments: Integration of the *Essential* Services into Environmental Health Practice**
 ▪ Carl Osaki, WSBOH Member
 ▪ Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff
 ▪ Corinne Story, Environmental Health Supervisor, Skagit County Health Department – “Environmental Health in Skagit County: EH Report; Community Involvement”
 ▪ Keith Higman, Environmental Health Director, Island County Health Department-“The Island County Environmental Health Initiative”
 ▪ Rick Porso, Public Health Manager, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department – “PULSE: the Public Health Report”
 ▪ Regina Delahunt, Director, Whatcom County Health Department, and Susan Gribbin, Coordinator, Whatcom Coalition for Healthy Communities -- “Do Communities Count?”
- 4:45 p.m.** 12. **Public Testimony**
- 5:00 p.m.** **Adjournment**

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As of: August 28, 2002

Conferences

Please note: This list is provided primarily for informational purposes. Due to the Governor's recent announcement of travel restrictions, Board members, staff and other state employees may not be able to attend these conferences unless they use personal resources.

1. Bioterrorism and Emergency Public Health Preparedness

Sponsored by: University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine

September 9-13, 2002, Seattle, Washington

For more information, visit their Web site at <http://nwcphp.org/niphp>

2. 7th Annual Public Sector Quality Conference

Sponsored by: The Washington State Quality Award Program

September 12, 2002, Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington

For more information, call Sam Senn at (360) 664-5437

3. Washington State Campaign for Kids and Families Coalition

Sponsored by: Washington Health Foundation

September 18, 2002, SeaTac Marriott, SeaTac, Washington

For more information, call Sam Senn at (360) 664-5437

4. 7th Annual Quality Driven Disease Management –Closing the Gap

Sponsored by: Disease Management Congress

September 18-20, 2002, Sheraton Hotel And Towers, Chicago, Illinois

For more information, call (888) 882-2500

5. Can You Minimize Health Care Costs By Improving Patient Safety?

Sponsored by: Department of Health and Human Services

September 20, 30 and October 1, 2002, On Line Tele-Conferencing

For more information, call (301) 594-6668

6. Health Systems Resources Program Mid-Project Conference

Sponsored by: Department of Health

September 23-24, 2002, Seattle Washington

For more information, call (360) 705-6769

7. Designing Systems that Work for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Sponsored by: Department of Health and Human Services

September 23-25, 2002, Los Angeles, California

For more information, call (202) 828-5100

8. The Annual Symposium On Governing And Leading Healthcare Organizations

Sponsored by: American Governance & Leadership group

September 23-25, 2002, Aspen, Colorado

For more information, call (909) 336-1586

9. HIPAA Readiness Forum Session V111

Sponsored by: Connecting Communities Improving Health

September 25, 2002, Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, Washington

For more information, call (206) 244-3950

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- 10. 2002 National Conference On Health Care and Domestic Violence**
Sponsored by: Family Violence Prevention Fund
September 27-28, 2002, Atlanta, Georgia
For more information, call (404) 320-1880
- 11. Training Institute on Cultural Competency in Health Care**
Sponsored by: The Cross Cultural Health Care Program
October 7-11, 2002, Holiday Days Inn, Renton, Washington
For more information, call (206) 860-0329
- 12. Causes of and Potential Solutions to the High Cost of Health Care**
Sponsored by: Department of Health and Human Services
October 10, 11 and 15, 2002, On Line Tele-Conferencing
For more information, call (301) 594-6668
- 13. The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy Annual Conference**
Sponsored by: The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy
October 14, 2002, Lake Chelan, Washington
For more information, call (800) 553-8225
- 14. Celebrating Progress: Promoting a New Era in Health**
Sponsored by: National Community Care Network Demonstration Program
October 17-19, 2002, Chicago Illinois
For more information, call (800) 628-2112
- 15. 13th Annual Northwest Wellness Conference for Seniors**
Sponsored by: Comprehensive Health Education Foundation
October 20-October 25, 2002, Seaside, Oregon
For more information, call (800) 323-2433
- 16. E-Health, Telemedicine & HIPAA**
Sponsored by: Comprehensive Health Education Foundation
October 20-October 25, 2002, Seaside, Oregon
For more information, call (800) 323-2433
- 17. Weaving a Future of Hope for Washington's Children**
Sponsored by: Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
October 27-October 29, 2002, Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, Washington
For more information, call Emily Janikowski at (509) 547-5538
- 18. 51st Governor's Industrial Safety and Health Conference 2002**
Sponsored by: Office of the Governor
October 30-October 31, 2002, Spokane Convention Center, Spokane, Washington
For more information, call (888) 451-2004
- 19. The Second International Conference On Mobile Health**
Sponsored by: International Mobile Health Association
November 2 – 4, 2002, The Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee
For more information, call (415) 920-7000

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- 20. APHA 130th Annual Meeting and Exposition**
Sponsored by: American Public Health Association
November 9 – 13, 2002, Philadelphia, PA
For more information, call (202) 777-1470
- 21. 6th Annual National Health Policy Conference**
Sponsored by: National Conference of State Legislatures
November 17 – 19, 2002, New Orleans, Louisiana
For more information, call (303) 830-2200
- 22. Workforce Strategies 2002: The Leadership Difference**
Sponsored by: The Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordination Board
November 21 – 22, 2002, Hilton Conference Center, SeaTac, Washington
For more information, visit their Web site at www.wtb.wa.gov

Correspondence from the Board**Correspondence to the Board**

- 1. Linda Lake, Board Chair, Washington State Board of Health**
Source: Governor Gary Locke, Office of the Governor
A letter, from the Governor, expressing strong support for timely adoption of a uniform food service code. His desire is for a comprehensive uniform state food code that can be readily adopted by local health jurisdictions with few deviations.
- 2. Washington State Board of Health Members**
Source: Neva J. Corkrum, Former Board of Health Member
A thank you card from Neva to the Board members and staff for all of the wonderful years she spent on the Board of Health.
- 3. Don Sloma, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Health**
Source: National Academy for State Health Policy
A letter to Mr. Sloma, thanking him for serving on the faculty of NASHP's 15th Annual State Health Policy Conference.
- 4. Interested Persons**
Source: Jan Fleming, Director, Office of Maternal and Child Health
Notice of Public Hearing- Proposed Rule Changes Scoliosis Screening- School Districts- WAC 246-762. The proposed changes are limited to housekeeping improvements, which will include revising style and language to reflect current practice for writing rules, updating references, eliminating unnecessary language and the like. No changes are proposed in grades screened, screening tests, or screening procedures.
- 5. Don Sloma, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Health**
Source: Brian Sonntag, Washington State Auditor
The State Auditor's Office recently conducted the required one-year follow-up review of corrective action taken pursuant to RCW 24.40.040(11) in regard to the whistleblower case No. 99-064. They appreciated the Board's full cooperation and now consider this matter officially closed.

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Source: Kathleen D Mix, Chief Deputy Attorney General

Per Mr. Sloma's request, they have forwarded a copy of the School Construction Investigation Report to the Board's office.

7. Marianne Seifert, Health Policy Analyst, Washington State Board of Health

Source: Ryan Cummings, Environmental Exposure Network, Whatcom County

An email to our environmental health staff person, informing her of the unsuccessful attempts at Building/Growth Moratorium to protect Lake Whatcom and public health, which they feel would be affected by further degradation of the lake.

8. Joe Finkbonner, Board Member, Washington State Board of Health

Source: Ryan Cummings, Environmental Exposure Network, Whatcom County

An email to one of our Board members regarding the high Native American Infant Mortality Rates in Whatcom County. These Statistics are based from 1980 to 1992.

9. Marianne Seifert, Health Policy Analyst, Washington State Board of Health

Source: Ryan Cummings, Environmental Exposure Network, Whatcom County

An email "cc'd" to our environmental health staff person informing her that he feels the public was not properly notified about the sewage leak that occurred on December 14, 16 and 17, 2001. This leak allowed hundreds of thousands of gallons of sewage to flow into the water district's detention tank near Sudden Valley, and into Austin Creek and Lake Whatcom.

10. Marianne Seifert, Health Policy Analyst, Washington State Board of Health

Source: Sherilyn Wells, Concerned Citizen, Whatcom County

An email to our environmental health staff person detailing the levels of mercury and other toxins found in Lake Whatcom. This also contains statistics of what high levels of mercury can do to your health and asks the question, "Why weren't the people who drink the water from the lake informed of the dangers it might pose?"

11. Marianne Seifert, Health Policy Analyst, Washington State Board of Health

Source: Alex Cummings, Environmental Exposure Network, Whatcom County

An email to our environmental health staff person informing her she feels that she has been severely mistreated and that the DOH administrator was out of line in his dealings with her.

12. Marianne Seifert, Health Policy Analyst, Washington State Board of Health

Source: Bill White, Department of Health

An email to our environmental health staff person informing the Board that the state Department of Ecology has issued a penalty of \$24,000 to the Whatcom Water Department District 10 for polluting Lake Whatcom last December.

13. Don Sloma and the Washington State Board of Health Genetics Task Force

Source: Anti-Defamation League

An email to our Executive Director and Task Force members informing them of their concern of the release of Genetic Information. They feel that this could cause discrimination in not only the work place but in the insurance industry as well.

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Source: John Peppert, Manager, HIV Prevention and Education Services, Department of Health

A letter, to Don Sloma, enclosing two draft versions of the *Prenatal Testing for HIV-What You Should Know*. As suggested these pamphlets are aimed at 3rd or 4th grade reading levels.

General Interest**1. Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) 1996-1998 Surveillance Report**

Sponsored by: Washington State Department of Health

PRAMS is an ongoing, population-based surveillance system sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and designed to generate state-specific data on maternal behaviors and experiences before, during, and after pregnancy among residents who delivered live-born infants.

2. The North Carolina ABCD Project: A New Approach for Providing Development Services in Primary Care Practice

Sponsored by: National Academy for State Health Policy

This report describes North Carolina's comprehensive, community-based child development services system, which integrates developmental screening and surveillance into well-child visits and follows up with case management for parents with concerns about their child's development.

For more information visit Web site at (<http://www.cmwf.org/publist/publist2.asp?CategoryID=2>)

3. The State of Washington's Children-Summer 2002

Sponsored by: Washington Kids Count

- 73% of Washington families living in poverty are headed by working adults
- By late 2000, an approximate quarter million Washington Children were living below the official poverty level
- Another quarter million children were living in families with income above the poverty level, but still insufficient to meet all their basic needs.
- About half a million children- approximately one in three- are losing the battle to make ends meet.
- Poverty is more common for children:
 - Outside the Metro Puget Sound Region
 - Under the age of five
 - In single parent families

4. Summary of Data Collected on the Cle Elum- Roslyn High School Health Survey

Sponsored by: Washington State Department of Health

This report describes the statistical findings of the health survey given to the students at Cle Elum High School and the students at Ellensburg High School. It also describes the means in which they came up with this data.

5. New Direction for CalPERS Health: Refocusing Care Management

Sponsored by: Allen Feezor, National Academy for State Health Policy

Many of factors in California's health and managed care market places which enabled CalPERS to achieve a national reputation in health benefit innovation and cost containment in the past decade have changed. CalPERS Health must re-define itself to fulfill its statutory charge of providing cost effective care and coverage to CalPERS members in the new millennium.

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Source: Area Health Education Center Summer 2002

In this Issue: Washington Health Foundation Awards Rural Health Viability Grants... Graduating Medical Students Honored at Ceremony... Six New Parent-Child Programs funded for 2002-2003... Expanded WEB Sire Will Help Primary Care Physicians Diagnose... Behavioral Telemedicine Consultations Scheduled... Seattle STD/HIV Prevention Training Center... Telehealth Payments Authorized... HHS Names New Members to Rural Health Advisory Committee... HHS Calls for National Malpractice Legislation... NHRA Applauds Senate Bill for Rural Hospital... Government Launch New Healthcare Quality Information WEB Site

For more information, visit their Web site at www.users.qwest.net/~wwwahec

2. Asthma Occurrence ...Environmental Air Toxins: Role in Asthma Occurrence?

Source: Environmental Health Perspectives Vol.110 Supplement 4

The mission of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center is to develop and support research that will yield a better understanding of the potential risks posed to human health by exposure to air toxins.

For more information, visit their Web site at <http://ehpnet1.niehs.nih.gov/docs/2002/suppl-4/toc.html>

3. Challenging Environmental Racism

Source: Colors Northwest- Celebrating our Similarities, Understanding our Differences

What do asthma and chronic nosebleeds have in common? In Washington State, one answer could be a kind of racism. People of color in Washington experience a host of illnesses and medical problems at rates higher than white people. Racial and ethnic minorities have higher rates of disease in 18 of 24 conditions tracked by Washington state's Department of Health.

For more information, visit their Web site at http://www.colorsnw.com/cover_story.shtml

4. Consumer Driven Healthcare

Source: National Health Information, LLC, September 2002

In this Issue: California employers test-drive consumer-driven health care... Indiana hospital banks customer-relationship marketing... Small businesses use consumer focus to expand employee insurance options... Wait-loss strategy

For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500

5. Continuing Legacy of September 11 for Americans' Health Priorities

Source: Health Affairs

Despite double-digit premium increases, the cost of health care has not yet emerged as one for which the public is clamoring for government action.

For more information, visit their Web site at <http://www.healthaffairs.org/WebExclusives/2105Blendon.pdf>

6. Disease Management Advisor

Source: National Health Information, LLC, September 2002

In this Issue: DM has a new place in fee-for-service medicine... Decision-support tools help providers put the focus on prevention... Resource kits aim to elevate the prescribing patterns of mental health providers

For more information, contact National Health Information at (404) 607-9500

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Source: American Medical News, September 2002

In this Issue: Consumers Union and other organizations are upset that funds from the Empire conversion will go for hospital pay hikes, not for more health coverage.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/pick_02/bisb0916.hmt

8. Health Promotion Inner Change

Source: Texas Department of Health, Vol 5, No. 2

In this Issue: Planning, Training, Education- Key elements of Bioterrorism Proposal... Risk

Communication: Weighing the Odds... Risk Communication Resources... Upcoming Events... CHES Corner

For more information visit Web site at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/php/pubs.htm>

9. Infant Mortality and Low Birth Weight Among Black and White Infants-United States, 1980-2000

Source: Jama, August 21, 2002 Vol 288, No. 7

Despite substantial reductions in US infant mortality during the past several decades, black-white disparities in infant mortality rates persist.

For more information visit Web site at <http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v287/n16/ffull/jed20016.html>

10. Issue Brief Findings from HSC

Source: Center for Studying Health Systems Change, July 2002

In this Issue: Understanding the individual insurance market... Making health insurance more affordable: two tax-credit proposals... How far can tax credits reach... Less help for the most in need... Policy implications... Notes

For more information contact (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at www.hschange.org

11. Issue Brief Findings from HSC

Source: Center for Studying Health Systems Change, July 2002

In this Issue: Wall Street Comes to Washington... Goodbye, \$10 Copayments... Tightly Managed Care Comes Undone... Insurers Roll Out New Products... Hospitals Gain Upper Hand... Disease Management, Where Are You?... Premiums Stay Ahead of Costs... A New Medical Arms Race?

For more information contact (202) 484-5261 or visit Web site at www.hschange.org

12. National Blues Group Rejects North Carolina Conversion Strategy

Source: American Medical News, September 9, 2002

In this Issue: The affiliate is threatened with loss of its Blues designation if its plan to turn for-profit goes through.

For more information visit Web site at www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/pick_02/bisb0909.htm

13. Patients Deaths Tied to Lack of Nurses

Source: The New York Times, August 8, 2002

Calling a shortage of nurses "a prescription for danger," the national organization that accredits hospitals reported today that the lack contributes to nearly a quarter of the unanticipated problems that result in death or injury to hospital patients.

For more information, visit their Web site at

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/08/08/health/08NURS.html?ex=1029820167&ei=1&en=9073742fd21648d9>

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Source: Puget Sound Business Journal, August 23, 2002

Controlling the supply of health services through managed care failed as a workable strategy for employers to control surging health-care costs. Now business are turning their attention to the demand side.

For more information, visit their Web site at

<http://seattle.bizjournals.com/seattle/stories/2002/08/26/newscolumn4.html>

15. Sharing The Excitement of Science

Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, August 2002

In this Issue: New Northwest institute focuses in bio-based energy products... APEL promotes new business development... Sharing science... Keeping mail safe in the 21st century... PNNL to receive \$10.6 million for protein studies... Applying risk assessment to health care.

For more information contact (888) 375-7665

16. State Health Notes

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, July 29, 2002

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – As it nears its 5th anniversary, the State Children’s Health Insurance Program still has strong public and political support. Trying to expand coverage, some states are looking to sign up parents as a way to find, enroll and retain more youngsters.
- Focus On – The incidence of cardiovascular disease is a particularly strong in a belt of states across the Southeast, and no one seems to know just why.
- Highlights – ME planning grant... Workforce initiative in GA... IA Bioterrorism program... OK smoking ban... OH, MI tobacco taxes... AK alcohol tax... MO child abuse grants... LA County program for undocumented kids... Latino kids health study... Youth suicide... AR mental health report... Pilots on Alzheimer’s... HI LTC coverage.
- Tracking Trends – The medical liability coverage seems to be getting worse. Here’s a synopsis and a look at recent press coverage.
- FYI – Since its creation in November 2000, Georgia’s Cancer Coalition has been waging its war on several fronts, from ensuring access to care and promoting research into promising treatments and potential cures.

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

17. State Health Notes

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, August 12, 2002

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – As Congress moves to reauthorize the 1996 welfare reform law, states are sending a message: give us flexibility to finish the work we started. By that, they mean job retention and advancement and help for the hardest-to-place cases.
- Primary Care News – The Bush Administration has awarded \$74.8 million to expand the capacity of community health centers. Here’s how 3 grantees plan to spend their money.
- Highlights – MA Medicaid Rx pullout... TX EPSDT ruling... NC, LA ACHIP enrollment... WA, TX insurance studies... Tax credit study... Bilingual booklet... DHHS rural health plan... Kicking the tobacco habit... State funds for smoking prevention... CA Supreme Court ruling on medical marijuana
- Tracking Trends – Here’s a look at drug diversion measures on the ballot this fall.
- FYI – University partners in Kentucky, Tennessee are working to break down barriers to health care, social services for migrant farmworkers.

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

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Source: Community Catalyst

In this Issue:

A battle royale has taken shape in Kansas about the future of its Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan. This past February, Kansas Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius rocked the corporate health care establishment by refusing to allow Anthem Insurance Company to buy the state's independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan. Then, in June, a state judge overturned her decision. Now the case is headed to appeals court, where Sebelius will seek to have her decision reinstated.

For more information, call (617) 338-6035.

19. Sunlight & Shadows

Source: The SIDS Foundation of Washington

In this Issue: Sara Merkle 1969 SIDS Foundation President... Research Column... Eastern Washington Happenings... Ask the Doctor... Snippets... KRKO Radiothon for SIDS

For more information, call (800) 533-0376

20. TopHealth- We Care About Your Health

Source: The Department of Health, September 2002

In this Issue: More Time, Less Stress... Cholesterol: Take Control... Watching Your Back... Meal Makeovers In Minutes... Lice Alert.

For more information, call (800) 871-9525

21. Tracking Report

Source: Center for Studying Health System Change, August 2002

In this Issue: Who Do You Trust? American's Perspectives on Health Care, 1997-2001... Losing Faith... More Trust In Doctors... More Freedom to Choose Doctors... No Progress for Those in Poor Health... Fewer People Change Doctors... Health Plan Changes Stabilize... Prospects For The Future

For more information, call (202) 554-7549

22. Where Children Learn: Facilities Conditions and Student Test Performance in Milwaukee Public Schools

Source: CEFPI, The School Building Association

The relationship between the physical condition of schools and student achievement in those schools has been examined from a variety of perspectives. Typically these studies have found a statistically significant relationship: better conditions are associated with higher achievement scores.

For more information, call (480) 391-0840